

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A high tenacity nonwoven fabric wherein the nonwoven fabric is a laminated fabric formed by integrating, through compressive bonding, three stacked layers comprising an upper and a lower thermoplastic synthetic filamentary fiber layer having a fiber diameter from 7 μm or more to 20 μm , and at least one intermediate layer composed of at least one thermoplastic synthetic fine fiber layer having a fiber diameter of 5 μm or less, the laminated nonwoven fabric having an intimately mixed structure layer in which a portion of the fine fibers forming the intermediate layer is intruded into at least one face side of the filamentary fiber layers with an intrusion index of 0.36 or more to bond, surround or interlace the filamentary fibers, a basis of weight of from 10 g/m^2 or more to 250 g/m^2 , and a bulk density of 0.20 g/cm^3 or more, the fine fibers having a crystallinity from 17.8% or more to 34.3%, and the thermoplastic resin forming the fine fibers being mainly composed of a polyester or a copolymer of a polyester, or a mixture of the polyester and the copolymer, which are prepared by polymerizing an aromatic dicarboxylic acid and a diol, and have a solution viscosity η_{sp}/c from 0.2 to 0.8, or a polyamide resin or a copolymer of a polyamide resin, or a mixture of the polyamide resin and the copolymer, which have a solution relative viscosity η_{rel} from 1.8 to 2.7.

2. (Original) The high tenacity nonwoven fabric according to claim 1, wherein the fine fibers have a fiber diameter of 3 μm or less.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The high tenacity nonwoven fabric according to claim 1, wherein the nonwoven fabric has a content of the fine fibers of 50% by weight or less.

5. (Currently Amended) The high tenacity nonwoven fabric according to claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic resin forming the filamentary fibers is mainly composed of a polyester or a copolymer of a polyester, or a mixture of the polyester and the copolymer, and the thermoplastic resin forming the fine fibers is mainly composed of a polyester or a copolymer of a polyester, or a mixture of the polyester and the copolymer, which are prepared by polymerizing an aromatic dicarboxylic acid and a diol.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The high tenacity nonwoven fabric according to claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic resin forming the filamentary fibers is mainly composed of a polyamide resin or a copolymer of a polyamide resin, or a mixture of the polyamide resin and the copolymer, and the thermoplastic resin forming the fine fibers is mainly composed of a polyamide resin or a copolymer of a polyamide resin, or a mixture of the polyamide resin and the copolymer.

8-11. (Canceled)